

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-01344-RBW**

CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN  
WASHINGTON v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE et al  
Assigned to: Judge Reggie B. Walton

Case: 1:19-cv-02125-RBW

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/08/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6112069) filed by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons Attorney General, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney, # <u>4</u> Summons State Department, # <u>5</u> Summons U.S. A.I.D.)(Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 05/08/2019)
05/08/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 05/08/2019)
05/09/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Reggie B. Walton. (zeg) (Entered: 05/09/2019)
05/09/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zeg) (Entered: 05/09/2019)
05/29/2019	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 5/29/19., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/28/2019. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/27/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT served on 5/28/2019; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 5/28/2019 (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 05/29/2019)
05/29/2019	<u>5</u>	GENERAL ORDER FOR CIVIL CASES BEFORE THE HONORABLE REGGIE B. WALTON. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on May 29, 2019. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 05/29/2019)
06/17/2019	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 6/17/2019 (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 06/17/2019)
06/27/2019	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Lyons, Jane) (Entered: 06/27/2019)
07/11/2019		VACATED AS PER ORDER DATED 7/12/19..... MINUTE ORDER: To ensure the expeditious resolution of this action, and because this qualifies as an exempted case under Local Civil Rule 16.3(b), it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint proposed briefing schedule governing the filing of dispositive motions on or before August 8, 2019. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on July 11, 2019. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 07/11/2019)
07/11/2019	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Lyons, Jane) (Entered: 07/11/2019)
07/12/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the United States Department of State (the "State Department") shall complete its search for responsive documents on or before August 22, 2019. It is further ORDERED that the State Department shall make its first production of documents to the plaintiff on or before September 30, 2019, and subsequent productions to the plaintiff every six (6) weeks thereafter. It is further ORDERED that the United States Agency for International Development ("USAID") shall provide its search declaration to the plaintiff on or before August 22, 2019. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall confer regarding USAID's search on or before September 30, 2019. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall file an additional status report on or before October 16, 2019, and every forty-five (45) days thereafter,

		addressing, inter alia, the status of the processing and production of the plaintiff's FOIA requests. It is further ORDERED that the Court's July 11, 2019 Minute Order is VACATED. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on July 12, 2019. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 07/12/2019)
07/30/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 10/16/2019 (tj) (Entered: 07/30/2019)
08/23/2019	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Completion of Search by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Lyons, Jane) (Entered: 08/23/2019)
10/16/2019	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Lyons, Jane) (Entered: 10/16/2019)
11/22/2019	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Lyons, Jane) (Entered: 11/22/2019)
01/16/2020	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Lyons, Jane) (Entered: 01/16/2020)
01/17/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before February 6, 2020, the parties shall file an additional joint status report proposing a schedule governing further proceedings in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on January 17, 2020. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 01/17/2020)
01/17/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/6/2020 (hs) (Entered: 01/17/2020)
02/05/2020	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Lyons, Jane) (Entered: 02/05/2020)
02/06/2020	<u>14</u>	ORDER. In accordance with the attached Order, it is hereby ORDERED that the defendants shall file their motion for summary judgment on or before March 12, 2020. It is further ORDERED that the plaintiff shall file its combined opposition to the defendants' motion for summary judgment and cross-motion for summary judgment on or before April 16, 2020. It is further ORDERED that the defendants shall file their combined opposition to the plaintiff's cross-motion for summary judgment and reply in support of their motion for summary judgment on or before May 7, 2020. It is further ORDERED that the plaintiff shall file its reply in support of its cross-motion for summary judgment on or before May 29, 2020. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall appear before the Court for a status conference on August 31, 2020, at 11:00 a.m., which will serve as a target date for the resolution of the parties' summary judgment motions. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on February 6, 2020. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 02/06/2020)
02/06/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Motion for Summary Judgment due by 5/7/2020 Cross Motions due by 4/16/2020. Response to Cross Motions due by 5/7/2020. Reply to Cross Motions due by 5/29/2020. Summary Judgment motions due by 3/12/2020. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 4/16/2020. Reply to. Status Conference set for 8/31/2020 at 11:00 AM in Courtroom 26A before Judge Reggie B. Walton. (hs) (Entered: 02/06/2020)
02/12/2020	<u>15</u>	NOTICE OF RELATED CASE by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. Case related to Case No. 19-2125. (Lyons, Jane) (Entered: 02/12/2020)
02/27/2020	<u>16</u>	ORDER. See attached Order for details. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on February 27, 2020. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 02/27/2020)
03/09/2020	<u>17</u>	NOTICE of Voluntary Dismissal re U.S. Agency for International Development & Count 2 of Complaint (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 03/09/2020)
03/09/2020		MINUTE ORDER. In light of plaintiff Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington's <u>17</u> Stipulation of Voluntary Dismissal of Count 2, it is hereby

		ORDERED that Count 2 of the Complaint, Citizens for Responsibility & Ethics in Wash. v. U.S. Dep't of State, Civ. Action No. 19-1344, ECF No. 1, is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on March 9, 2020. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 03/09/2020)
03/12/2020	<u>18</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>2</u> Declaration of Eric F. Stein)(Lyons, Jane) (Entered: 03/12/2020)
04/16/2020	<u>19</u>	Cross MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON, REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support of Plaintiffs' Cross-Motion for Partial Summary Judgment and in Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment, # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts and Response to Defendant's Statement of Facts, # <u>3</u> Declaration of Lin Weeks, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 04/16/2020)
04/16/2020	<u>20</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>18</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment ( <i>see Docket Entry No. 19 to view attachments, including Response to Defendant's Statement of Material Facts, Declaration of Lin Weeks, and Exhibits A through T</i> ) filed by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON, REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 04/16/2020)
04/29/2020	<u>21</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Hudak, Brian) (Entered: 04/29/2020)
04/30/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the defendant's <u>21</u> Consent Motion for an Extension of Time, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that the defendant shall file its combined opposition to the plaintiffs' cross-motion for summary judgment and reply in support of its motion for summary judgment on or before July 7, 2020. It is further ORDERED that the plaintiffs shall jointly file their reply in support of their cross-motion for summary judgment on or before July 29, 2020. It is further ORDERED that the status conference currently scheduled for August 31, 2020, is CONTINUED to December 4, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on April 30, 2020. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 04/30/2020)
05/01/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Response to Cross Motion due by 7/7/2020. Reply to Cross Motion due by 7/29/2020. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 7/7/2020. Status Conference reset for 12/4/2020 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 16 before Judge Reggie B. Walton. (hs) (Entered: 05/01/2020)
07/06/2020	<u>22</u>	Consent MOTION to Modify <i>the Briefing Schedule</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Lyons, Jane) (Entered: 07/06/2020)